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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

1. The reply filed on 20 June 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s):

The reply filed on 20 June 2003 is not fully responsive to the objection to the drawings set forth in paragraph 3 of the prior Office action, dated 19 March 2003. It is admitted on page 5 of the reply that the reply is not fully responsive to the "objection to the drawings", but "will consider them once the Application is allowed." Note that the objection to the drawings in the prior Office action specifies that the "objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance."

Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

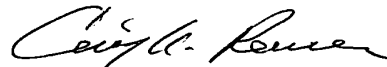
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Craig A. Renner whose telephone number is (703) 308-0559. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (703) 305-9687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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